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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: ICELAND PROTESTS RAMMING INCIDENT

REF: REYKJAVIK 1009

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PRIMIN MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT DEPLORING
ACCIDENT RESULTING IN DEATH OF ICELANDIC COAST GUARDSMAN. MFA
DELIVERED OFFICIAL PROTEST TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR. END SUMMARY

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2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, PRIMIN JOHANNESSON DESCRIBED AUGUST 29

RAMMING INCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF ICELANDIC COAST GUARDSMAN AS A "DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT" THAT COULD BE TRACED "INDIRECTLY" TO MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY BRITISH FRIGATE APOLLO AND TUGBOAT STATESMAN OPERATING WITHIN ICELANDIC FISHERIES LIMITS. PRIMIN EXPRESSED PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF DECEASED.

3. MFA SECGEN THORSTEINSSON DELIVERED FOLLOWING PROTEST NOTE TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR MCKENZIE LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 30:

"THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT ONCE MORE STRONGLY PROTESTS AGAINST THE NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RULES OF NAVIGATION BY BRITISH WARSHIPS, TUGBOATS AND FISHING TRAWLERS IN ICELANDIC WATERS AND AGAINST THE INTENTIONAL RAMMING OF ICELANDIC COAST GUARD VESSELS.

"IN THE COURSE OF REPAIRING DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SUCH CONDUCT BY A BRITISH WARSHIP AND A BRITISH TUGBOAT HUMAN LIFE HAS NOW BEEN LOST.

"THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT REPEATS ITS DEMAND THAT WARSHIPS AND TUGBOATS SENT TO ICELANDIC WATERS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY."

4. ICELANDIC PRESS CARRIED AP ITEM REPORTING THAT BRITISH DCM IN REYKJAVIK HAD TOLD PRESS THAT BRITISH EMBASSY /GREATLY DEPLORED/ THE INCIDENT RESULTING FROM COLLISION BETWEEN FRIGATE APOLLO AND ICELANDIC COAST GUARD CUTTER AEGIR. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY REJECTED ICELANDIC PROTEST AND STATED THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDED COLLISION TO BE FAULT OF AEGIR. IRVING

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